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Dear Mr. Juarez,

In accordance with TEGL No. 17-10, the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions is requesting the following:

1. Extension of our existing Workforce Investment Act/Wagner Peyser State Plan for an additional year, through PY 2011 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

New Mexico has a newly elected Governor and will experience organizational changes as well as changes in State Workforce Board membership that will require a modification to our State Plan. Since these changes will not be in place prior to April 15, 2011, we are requesting an extension of our current State Plan for PY 2011 and intend to submit a modification *during* PY 2011.

2. Extension of existing waivers for an additional year, through PY 2011

Current waivers have been evaluated and determined necessary to support our strategic goals. A list of currently approved waivers for which we request an extension:

- Waiver of WIA Section 101(31)(B) to increase the employer reimbursement for on-the-job training based on the size of participating business
- Waiver of WIA Section 133(b)(4) to increase the allowable transfer amount between Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams allocated to a local area to 50%
- Waiver of WIA Section 134(a) permitting local areas to use a portion of local funds for incumbent worker training - Under this waiver, the State will be permitted to allow local areas to use up to 20% of local Dislocated Worker funds for incumbent worker training as part of a lay-off aversion strategy

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- Waiver of the prohibition at 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts for older and out-of-school youth program participants
- Waiver to permit the State to replace the performance measures at WIA Section 136(b) with Common Measures
- Waiver of the provision at 20CFR 663.530 that prescribes a time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers

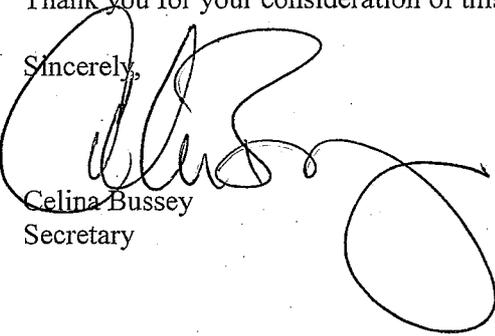
3. Re-negotiation of performance goals for PY 2011

Proposed performance levels will be submitted for your consideration for PY 2011.

A notice will be posted on the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions website to inform the public of the State's intent to extend the State Plan and existing waivers.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Celina Bussey
Secretary

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